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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered, prior to
examination of the above-referenced patent application.

In the Specification:

On the first page of the application, replace the three paragraphs having blanks (i.e.,
lines 11-21) with the following:

"METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR RECOVERING FROM
FAILURES WITHIN A SHARED NOTHING DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING
ENVIRONMENT," Novaes et al., Serial No. 09/583,784, filed herewith;

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